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DuPage County Conference Room
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Present: Chair – Claire Bozic – CMAP, Chris DiPalma – FHWA, John Donovan – FHWA, Rich Jezierny – Cook County Highway Department, Christina Kupkowski – Will County Department of Highways, Jim LaMantia – GTT, Jon Nelson – Lake County DOT, Ken Selvig – GTT, Chuck Sikaras – IDOT (phone), Chris Staron – Northwest Municipal Conference, Tom Szabo – Kane County DOT, David Tomzik – Pace, Steve Travia – IDOT, Robert Vance – CTA, Stephen Vaughn – Cook County Highway Department, Jeanette Velazquez – UIC Graduate Student, Phoebe Wu – Cook County Highway Department, David Zavattero – Chicago DOT, Sven Zimdahl – CivilTech Engineering, Inc., David Ziesemer – DuPage County

Staff Present: Tom Murtha, Jose Rodriguez, Todd Schmidt

1.0 Call to Order

Claire Bozic, Chair called the meeting to order just after 1:00 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion by Chuck Sikaras was seconded by David Zavattero to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2011 meeting as presented. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Project Screening Criteria and Data

CMAP staff presented the proposed project screening criteria and data used in the analysis. Todd Schmidt presented maps of the following proposed project screening criteria:

- Project located on the Congestion Management System. This includes the Interstate System, National Highway System (including intermodal connectors), Strategic Regional Arterial System (SRA), and other principal arterials.

- Projects located along planned RTA TSP routes and arterial bus routes.
- Vehicle per lane data calculated from Illinois Roadway Information System (IRIS)
- Travel time index calculated from HiStar data acquired from IDOT

Tom Murtha presented maps of the following proposed project screening criteria:

- Freeway congestion and crash data from CMAP analysis.
- Projects located in high crash locations

David Zavattero asked if CMAP considered including the Strategic Regional Transit System (SRT) in the project screening criteria. Tom Murtha responded that the system is not up-to-date and that the RTA TSP routes and existing arterial bus route system would suffice for this process. David Tomzik inquired where CMAP staff obtained the mapped RTA TSP routes because many Pace routes were not included. CMAP staff responded that the file was obtained from RTAMS and will add Pace's TSP routes once they were identified by Pace. Mr. Tomzik said he thought the RTAMS mapped routes may not be up to date and offered to provide current information. Steve Travia suggested adding IDOT's 5% crash intersection to the screening criteria.

5.0 Developing Project Status

Participating agencies were invited to discuss project that are being planned to be submitted for CMAQ funding. Sven Zimdahl, with CivilTech Engineering Inc, gave a presentation on Cook County Highway Department's project on Lake Cook Rd. David Tomzik informed the group that RTA, in coordination with the CTA and Pace, is planning to submit a TSP system plan for CMAQ funding. The TSP application will develop a five year plan for implementing TSP in certain corridors. David Zavattero discussed projects that Chicago DOT is planning to submit for CMAQ funding. Projects included signal interconnects, arterial detection, adaptive signal control, and en-route travel information systems. David Ziesemer discussed projects DuPage County is planning to submit for CMAQ funding. Projects include a bottleneck elimination project and signal interconnects. Jonathan Nelson informed the group that Lake County will be applying for bottleneck elimination, converting four-way stops to roundabouts, and signal interconnects. Tom Szabo told the group that Kane County will be applying for roundabouts, intersections improvements, and the Stearns Rd. smart corridor project. Kristina Kupkowski shared that Will County will mostly apply for intersection improvement projects. Steve Travia informed the group that IDOT will be submitting applications mainly for roundabouts and intersection improvements.

6.0 Signal Optimization Eligibility

CMAQ eligibility of signal optimization was discussed. Signal timing is not eligible for CMAQ funding because it is an operations related cost. Capital costs, such as putting in a new signal system are eligible for CMAQ funding. However, if optimizing the signals is a critical component of an eligible project, such as transit signal pre-emption, it has been funded as a one-time effort as part of project implementation. We expect that this will continue to be the case for TSP and for adaptive signal control system implementation.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Regional Coordinating Committee.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment

9.0 Next Meeting

The RTOC meets next on Thursday, May 5, 2011, 1 p.m. CST.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Todd Schmidt

Todd Schmidt, Committee Liaison

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